

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Honorable Patty Shwartz  
United States Magistrate Judge

U.S. Post Office & Courthouse Bldg.  
Federal Square, Newark, NJ 07101

August 29, 2012

LETTER

RE: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. CHEVRON, et al.  
Civil Action No. 12-4328(KM)

Dear Litigants:

I have been assigned case management responsibilities in the above-referenced matter. This letter is intended to advise you of some requirements established for the early stages of the litigation.

First, please provide my Chambers with the names and addresses of all attorneys involved in this case, when such information is available to you, and immediately supply a copy of this letter to your adversaries.

Second, Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that you serve a copy of the Summons and Complaint upon your adversaries within 120 days of the date of filing the Complaint. Otherwise, the action will be terminated.

Third, L. Civ. R. 26.1(b) requires counsel to confer and to submit a joint discovery plan before the initial conference, which will be scheduled as soon as one or more parties are joined. Other than motions to dismiss pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12, no motions may be filed without leave of Court.

Fourth, the parties shall produce voluntary disclosures mandated by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a). No other discovery shall be conducted until further Order of the Court.

Fifth, the Court has implemented an electronic case filing system for all documents filed with the Clerk of the Court. Electronic case filing is mandatory for all cases except those involving a pro se litigant. Registration forms, training information, policies and procedures can be obtained from the Clerk's Office by contacting (973) 645-4439 or the website: [www.njd.uscourts.gov](http://www.njd.uscourts.gov). Orders will be electronically filed. Paper copies will be provided to pro se litigants. Registered counsel will be notified when an order is filed but are responsible for reviewing the contents.

Sixth, if a party intends to submit an application to admit pro hac vice counsel, then the party shall follow the requirements of L.Civ.R. 101.1(c) and submit a certification that states local counsel: (1) is a member of the New Jersey bar in good standing and lists all bars in which counsel is admitted and their contact information, (2) will be responsible for the conduct of the pro hac vice counsel and the cause, (3) will sign all pleadings and submissions and make all court appearances, and (4) will ensure that pro hac vice counsel will comply with L.Civ.R. 101.1(c). The certification shall also state whether or not the applicant has received the consent of opposing counsel. The certification of proposed pro hac vice counsel shall include said counsel's actual signature and state that counsel: (1) is a member of a bar in good standing and list all bars in which counsel is admitted and their contact information, (2) will submit to this Court's jurisdiction for discipline, (3) will pay the Clerk's fee, (4) will make payment to the client fund; and (5) will abide by Local Civil Rule 101.1(c).

Finally, all counsel are expected and required to be in Court on time and ready to proceed for all scheduled proceedings.

Very truly yours,

s/Patty Shwartz  
United States Magistrate Judge